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Vaccination Requirements – Provision of Services – Statement of Prior Viral Infection

Dear Chair Pendergrass, Vice-Chair Pena-Melnyk, and Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee,

Secular Maryland advocates for government policies to align themselves as closely as practical to the consensus of the experts on technical issues when there are identifiable experts. For contagious diseases there are epidemiologists and credentialed professionals with experience studying similar contagious diseases. It is inappropriate for lawmakers to pass laws like the one proposed in this bill that makes a general statement about how are we going to deal with future viruses that we have not yet encountered. We need the flexibility to implement policies that effectively reduces the harms posed by a virus according to what the empirical evidence tells us is the best way to protect ourselves from that virus.

Respectfully,
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